

System saves money, time

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Have you ever found yourself waiting in a long line to get through the security gate at Scott AFB? I think the answer for many of us is, YES! With the upcoming construction on the gates, it will get worse. However, it doesn't have to. If you live off base and find yourself in the daily quagmire to get to work, then we need your help. Scott AFB needs you to ride the MetroLink and or MetroBus. Before you put down the paper or go to another article, please hear me out. The facts are clear: With the upcoming construction, the gates will become more congested. Everyone you talk to will have their reasons why they cannot ride the Metro. All I need is for you to find ONE good reason to ride the Metro and you can help Scott AFB tremendously as we go through this time of construction. Check out the maps and see how close you live to a bus or

train route. There are many advantages of riding the Metro system. First, it's better for the environment. You don't have to be a tree hugger to understand this. Less pollution in the air is better for everyone. Second, it's easier to get on base. Whether you arrive by bus or train, when you arrive at the Shiloh-Scott Metro Station all you have to do is walk through a security gate via the hand scanner and you're on base. If you're not familiar with this gate, they have a state-of-the-art hand scanner called Bio-Metrics. To use this option you have to go to Pass and ID to get into the system. It only takes a few minutes of your time to get set-up for this. Third, the monetary savings are obvious. With gas prices today, it's not hard to realize that everyone who rides the Metro will save money. I used to spend over \$100 a month just in gas to drive to work. Not to mention other costs associated with driving a car (i.e. tires, maintenance, and

oil). Also, for those who qualify, the Department of Transportation will pay for a monthly Metro pass (currently valued at \$50). To qualify for a free pass, you must be an active duty member, a non-appropriated funds civilian or an Air Force civilian working at Scott AFB. Additionally, to get the free pass, you must intend to utilize the Metro System as your primary method of conveyance to and from work. To apply for a free pass, visit the finance office. Finally, Scott AFB could receive a free MetroBus service. If Scott AFB had 1,000 people receiving Metro Passes, we would get a free MetroBus service on base (currently we have approximately 400 people receiving passes). The biggest disadvantage that I hear from people is that if they ride the Metro they will not have a vehicle to get around base. For the person who needs a vehicle at the drop of a hat, I recognize that riding the Metro may be inconvenient; the

base shuttles aren't always there when you need them. However, there are many people that could go all day long without a vehicle; all of their places of business are within walking distance. I would like to challenge all who are reading this article to give the Metro a try. It's very easy to come up with a reason not to ride the Metro. I ask that you find the one reason that will enable you to ride the Metro. Riding the Metro is easier for some people than it is for others. If the Metro is even a remote possibility, then lend a hand to your fellow Team-Scott members. If you're even considering riding the Metro, then take it from a Metro rider, it's great. Scott AFB needs people to avoid the gates during this time of construction. MetroLink or MetroBus may be the answer. Who knows you may even like it. For questions about the Metro system, give me a call at 256-4991.

SHILOH-SCOTT STATION TRAIN SCHEDULE

(Westbound to Lambert Airport)

U - To Union Station only
W - To Washington Park only
C* - MetroLink will operate to Central West End Station only. MetroLink Station shuttle buses will serve station stops from Central West End to Lambert Airport. The shuttle bus will not travel to the UMSL North Station.

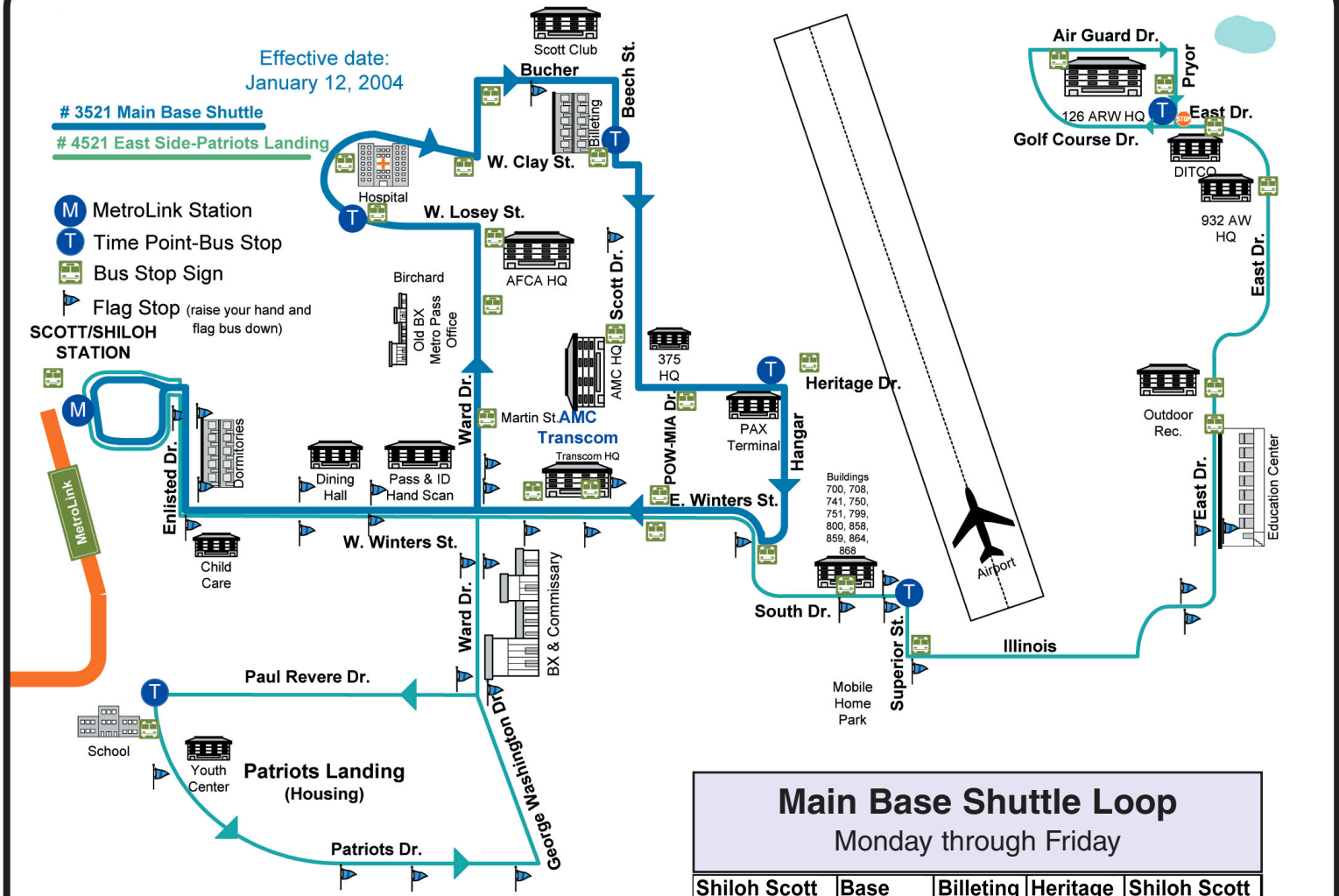
"I would much rather let someone else do the driving instead of making the commute myself every day. MetroLink adds practically no additional time to my commute from St. Louis and has allowed me to catch up on leisure reading and PME during the relaxing commute. I have been using the MetroLink ever since they started the program." — Maj. Brandon Halstead

"I live close to the airport and I ride the MetroLink to work every day. It saves me more than \$200 a month in gas. I don't have to worry about the traffic, coming through the gates and adding more than 95 miles a day to my car." — Tech. Sgt. Michael Combs

MONDAY - FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
4:03A 4:33A 4:48A 5:03A 5:18A 5:33A 5:48A 6:03A 6:13A 6:23A 6:33A 6:43A 6:53A 7:03A 7:13A 7:23A 7:33A 7:43A 7:53A 8:03A 8:13A 8:33A 8:53A 9:13A 9:33A 9:53A 10:13A 10:33A 10:53A 11:13A 11:33A 11:53A 12:13P 12:33P 12:53P 1:13P 1:33P 1:53P	5:04A 5:34A 5:49A 6:04A 6:19A 6:34A 6:49A 6:59A 7:09A 7:19A 7:29A 7:39A 7:49A 7:59A 8:09A 8:19A 8:29A 8:39A 8:49A 8:59A 9:09A 9:19A 9:29A 9:39A 9:49A 9:59A 10:09A 10:19A 10:29A 10:39A 10:49A 10:59A 11:09A 11:19A 11:29A 11:39A 11:49A 11:59A 12:09P 12:19P 12:29P 12:39P 12:49P 12:59P 1:09P 1:19P 1:29P 1:39P 1:49P 1:59P	5:34A 6:04A 6:19A 6:34A 6:49A 6:59A 7:09A 7:19A 7:29A 7:39A 7:49A 7:59A 8:09A 8:19A 8:29A 8:39A 8:49A 8:59A 9:09A 9:19A 9:29A 9:39A 9:49A 9:59A 10:09A 10:19A 10:29A 10:39A 10:49A 10:59A 11:09A 11:19A 11:29A 11:39A 11:49A 11:59A 12:09P 12:19P 12:29P 12:39P 12:49P 12:59P 1:09P 1:19P 1:29P 1:39P 1:49P 1:59P 2:09P 2:19P 2:29P 2:39P 2:49P 2:59P 3:09P 3:19P 3:29P 3:39P 3:49P 3:59P

East Base Shuttle Monday through Friday				
Outbound				
Shiloh Scott Base Station	Paul Revere & Patriots Landing	South Drive & Superior St	East Drive & Pryor Drive	Shiloh Scott Base Station
AM Service				
5:50	5:54	6:01	6:09	
6:20	6:24	6:31	6:39	
6:50	6:54	7:01	7:09	
7:20	7:24	7:31	7:39	
7:50	7:54	8:01	8:09	
8:50	8:54	9:01	9:09	
9:50	9:54	10:01	10:09	
10:50	10:54	11:01	11:09	
11:50	11:54	12:01	12:09	
PM Service				
12:50	12:54	1:01	1:09	
1:50	1:54	2:01	2:09	
2:50	2:54	3:01	3:09	
3:20	3:24	3:31	3:39	
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4:20	4:24	4:31	4:39	
5:01	5:05			
5:20	5:24			
Inbound				
East Drive & Pryor Drive	South Drive & Superior St	Paul Revere & Patriots Landing	Shiloh Scott Base Station	Shiloh Scott Base Station
AM Service				
6:09	6:17	6:23	6:30	
6:39	6:47	6:53	7:00	
7:09	7:13	7:19	7:26	
7:39	7:43	7:49	7:56	
8:09	8:13	8:19	8:26	
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11:09	11:13	11:19	11:26	
PM Service				
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3:39	3:43	3:49	3:56	
4:09	4:13	4:19	4:26	
4:39	4:43	4:49	4:56	
		5:05	5:12	
		5:24	5:31	

SCOTT SHUTTLES



Main Base Shuttle Loop Monday through Friday				
Shiloh Scott Base Station	Base Hospital	Billington & Hangar	Heritage & Hangar	Shiloh Scott Base Station
AM Service				
5:23	5:28	5:31	5:33	5:39
5:50	5:55	5:58	6:00	6:06
6:06	6:11	6:14	6:16	6:22
6:22	6:27	6:30	6:33	6:39
6:36	6:41	6:44	6:47	6:53
6:53	6:58	7:01	7:04	7:10
7:05	7:10	7:13	7:16	7:22
7:22	7:27	7:30	7:33	7:39
7:36	7:41	7:44	7:47	7:53
7:53	7:58	8:01	8:04	8:10
8:09	8:14	8:17	8:19	8:25
8:29	8:29	8:32	8:34	8:40
8:46	8:51	8:54	8:56	9:02
9:08	9:13	9:16	9:18	9:24
9:29	9:34	9:37	9:39	9:45
9:50	9:55	9:58	10:00	10:06
10:08	10:13	10:16	10:18	10:24
10:29	10:34	10:37	10:39	10:45
10:47	10:52	10:55	10:57	11:03
11:07	11:12	11:15	11:17	11:23
11:27	11:32	11:35	11:37	11:43
11:47	11:52	11:55	11:57	12:03
PM Service				
12:07	12:12	12:15	12:17	12:23
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12:47	12:52	12:55	12:57	1:03
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1:27	1:32	1:35	1:37	1:43
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5:14	5:19	5:22	5:24	5:30

Construction Q&A:

WHY DO WE NEED TO REPLACE OUR GATES?
After Sept. 11, 2001, Force Protection as we knew it changed. As a result, the Air Force developed new Entry Control Facilities Design Guidelines. Our gates at Scott AFB do not meet these new guidelines, dated Dec. 2002. The new gates will have state-of-the-art force protection measures, brand new technology, and allow for heavy traffic flow, while still protecting our perimeter. All new buildings will also be architecturally compatible with the base standards. The new gates will be able to handle the large volumes of traffic produced during morning and evening rush hours while maintaining stringent security standards.

WHY UPGRADE THREE GATES AT ONCE?
There are four main reasons why we are upgrading all three gates at the same time.

1) Events of Sept. 11, 2001
New gates have been needed ever since the entry facilities design guidelines changed as a result of Sept. 11, 2001. The gates were built long before these tragic events and are simply not designed for higher protection measures put into place since then. Since these upgrades are long overdue, we are expediting this project as much as possible.
2) Safety and Security
Safety and security are paramount. The new gates will greatly enhance security on base and allow for a quick transition between Force Protections Conditions (FPCONS). The sooner these gates are completed, the sooner our Security Forces troops will have safer and more comfortable working conditions (heated pavements to melt the snow, and overhead cover during the summer.)

3) Reduces Construction Timeline
If each gate was upgraded individually, this initiative would have taken 14 months. Doing all three gates simultaneously saves the base almost seven months of additional construction time. We want to accomplish this construction before the winter season hits and snow delays construction.

4) Cost Savings
Simultaneous construction saves the Air Force money. Compared to our government estimate based upon serial construction, Scott AFB saved almost \$4M by working on the gates in parallel.

HOW LONG IS IT GOING TO TAKE?
We expect construction to take approximately seven months.

HOW MUCH IS THIS GOING TO COST?
These projects were awarded at the end of the fiscal year last year, FY03. All three gates combined, plus some additional site work, cost \$9.6 million.

HOW MUCH MORE TIME DO I NEED TO ALLOW TO GET ON BASE?
We recommend giving yourself an additional 10 to 15 minutes, at least during the first one to two weeks, to get to work. The goal of Scott AFB leadership is to minimize the time delay for people coming onto base. We realize that the changes in traffic patterns and gate hours will have an effect on how long it takes people to arrive at work. Additionally, this is all contingent upon FPCON status and weather. Our traffic plan provides one less inbound lane, than what we currently have during the morning rush hours. However, we feel that this is the safest and most efficient way to process people onto base. The MetroLink will be available throughout the construction period and may prove to be the best entry point for many Scott AFB employees. Vehicle entry is subject to the unpredictability of peak hours of entry and exit. Inevitably, after construction starts, the base will need a short period to adjust to the traffic flow changes, which will slow things down. We ask that you please be patient and flexible throughout the construction period.
HOW ARE THE NEW GATES GOING TO IMPROVE SECURITY?
The new design will provide our Security Forces the proper means to thoroughly screen all vehicles, if necessary, before vehicles arrive at each Entry Control Point (Gate). In addition, the new state-of-the-art over watch facility will allow Security Forces to stop any vehicle trying to "run the gate." The new resources and equipment will facilitate more thorough screening and entry control, while also providing additional options for limiting or preventing traffic from entering the base. The new gates were designed with security and anti-terrorism as the priority goal and better traffic management as the secondary goal. The projects will afford a more secure perimeter and facilitate better traffic flow.

HOW DO I GET ON BASE?

The following describes the gate hours during the construction period:
SHILOH GATE
Closed Throughout Construction
TEMPORARY SHILOH GATE
Open Monday through Friday, 6 to 8 a.m.
Inbound traffic only (three lanes inbound)
Open Monday through Friday, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.
1 lane inbound; 1 lane outbound
Open Monday through Friday, 3:30 to 5:30 p.m.
Outbound traffic only (one lane outbound)
Closed Saturdays and Sundays
CARDINAL CREEK GATE/VISITORS' CENTER
Open 24 hours, seven days a week
1 lane inbound, 1 lane outbound



New gates, as shown in this artist's rendition, have been designed to improve security and traffic flow.

WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO TO REDUCE TRAFFIC JAMS DURING CONSTRUCTION?
We will continue to use our augmented personnel program during the morning rush hour in order to better facilitate a continuous flow of vehicles onto base. The traffic plan is posted in the most efficient way to allow vehicles to flow onto and off of base. The entire gate design concept started with traffic engineers performing a survey and incorporating the correct number of lanes based on the traffic counts taken. We have reviewed and modified the gate access times and configurations multiple times in order to better accommodate base personnel.

HOW IS THIS GOING TO AFFECT DELIVERIES?
Deliveries onto base at Mascoutah Gate will not change during construction. After-hours deliveries will take place at Cardinal Creek Gate instead of Shiloh Gate. After construction is complete, Security Forces personnel will have the most effective means available for inspecting large trucks. The commercial vehicle inspection facility will have an underground inspection pit as well as room for underbody search machines. The facility will be covered, thereby allowing Security Forces personnel to do their job in a protected environment.

ARE THERE DIFFERENT PROCEDURES FOR ESCORTING/SPONSORING PEOPLE ON BASE?
The procedures will be the same; however, during construction the only place that guests will be allowed to check in will be at the Cardinal Creek Gate. After construction, all Pass and ID functions will be performed at the new entry screening facility at the Shiloh Gate.

HOW IS THIS GOING TO AFFECT PEOPLE GOING TO SCOTT ELEMENTARY SCHOOL?
This will have no effect on Scott Elementary School. Morning traffic will not be allowed into Patriot's Landing Gate, and traffic will not be re-routed near the school.

SHOULD I USE THE METROLINK INSTEAD OF DRIVING TO SCOTT? HOW DO I GET A METROLINK PASS?
The MetroLink is highly encouraged for all Scott AFB personnel. You can obtain a MetroLink pass at the Finance office in Bldg. P-10.



WILL SECURITY PROCEDURES CHANGE DURING CONSTRUCTION?
Security procedures will be changed when the situation (FPCON) dictates, but we are not anticipating a change during construction.
WILL SECURITY BE COMPROMISED DURING THE CONSTRUCTION?
No. The construction sites will be fenced off and no unauthorized access will be allowed. Security Forces will still provide 24-hour base security, just as they do now. All the same measures will be employed.

IS THERE GOING TO BE A SYSTEM SET UP FOR PEOPLE TO CARPOOL TO AND FROM BASE?
We are exploring carpooling initiatives, though none are currently in place. Defined parking places can be arranged for carpool participants.

(This is the only visitors' center during construction)
MASCOUTAH GATE
Open for contractors/commercial vehicles, Open Monday through Friday 6 a.m. to 6 p.m.
Open for POV outbound traffic only, Monday through Friday 3:30 to 6 p.m. (1 lane outbound)
Closed Saturdays and Sundays

PATRIOT'S LANDING GATE
Open 24-hours, 7 days a week
1 lane inbound, 1 lane outbound
No inbound traffic Monday through Friday 6 to 8 a.m.

BELLEVILLE GATE
Open Mon.-Fri. 6 - 8 a.m.
Inbound traffic ONLY (2 lanes inbound)
Open Monday through Friday 3:30 to 5:30 p.m.
Outbound traffic only (2 lanes outbound)
Closed Saturdays and Sundays

METROLINK GATE
Open 24-hours, 7 days a week to pedestrians